

inch, double warp, plain, suitable especially for single beds. This is a recent importation, secured at a price which enables G. M. & Co. to offer to the trade at manufacturer's cost.

Alexander & Anderson have new shipments of domestic goods in shirtings, flannelettes, flannels, tickings, cottons, etc. The goods were bought early, and they claim that as a consequence prices will be found to be right. Fall samples are coming forward.

Gordon, Mackay & Co., who claim to have one of the best assortments of flannelettes in the trade, have just added to their already complete stock a job lot of 1,500 pieces, English manufacture, comprising 45 patterns in stripes and plains. These, with their standard ranges give purchasers a choice of colorings, designs, and prices hitherto unapproached.

Caldecott, Burton & Spence are expecting several cases of black and cream silk guipure laces, which will be pleasing information to dealers, as these goods are very scarce in Canada at present. Their range of parasols for sorting trade is very good, and they are doing a steady trade in these goods.

Gordon, Mackay & Co. are showing a grand range of fine linens, noticeable amongst which is a choice line of five o'clock tea cloths and Damask sets, also several prices in 72-inch bleached Damask and napkins to match.

In their staple department John Macdonald & Co. have just opened two special lines of art muslins with heliotrope and other colored flower patterns, and another line with Madras designs, the latest novelty in these goods. Buyers who have seen these are much pleased with their taking appearance.

W. R. Brock & Co. have opened out their entire purchase of German knit boating shawls and evening wraps, which is much larger, more attractive, and of better value than in any previous season on account of their large trade in this line of goods. They have also opened out their cable repeat orders for their well-known lines of Hermsdorf's absolutely stainless black hosiery in 1—1 rib numbers C.O. and C.I. Back orders have been all shipped.

Caldecott, Burton & Spence have opened up a large shipment of laces, including cream, two-tone and beige cotton guipures, two-toned guipure insertions and Bourdon silk insertions and laces. Insertions are coming to the front this season, and the enquiry for these is very active at present. Two-tone and cream insertions are especially active. This house is just passing into stock a large shipment of cream and beige hand-made guipure insertions of the very latest designs. These have been in very active demand in European markets for some time back.

W. R. Brock & Co., anticipating the great demand for ladies' and misses' lace mitts, have laid in a very large stock of these goods. They show them in lace effects of lisle and pure silk, also taffeta, lisle and pure silk in plain goods. All the blacks are Hermsdorf's absolutely stainless fast blacks, with a guarantee ticket from the dyer attached to each pair. Their pure silk in lace effect to retail at 25 cents is an extra special line, and they claim fully 25 per cent. cheaper than if they were bought to-day from the manufacturer.

Caldecott, Burton & Spence report a strong sorting trade in parasols. They are offering special bargains in clearances of this class of goods.

Alexander & Anderson have received their first shipment of new fall prints; they have just arrived from Manchester and are

very choice goods. They have also received their samples of new autumn dress goods, and these are now in the hands of their travellers. In plain goods, whipcords and diagonals will still be popular for the autumn trade, and the prevailing color will be "Eminence."

John Macdonald & Co. are receiving large shipments of midsummer and fall prints. Brown and navy grounds with Eminence and Emerald flowers will be the leading varieties. All these goods have been purchased by a very expert buyer, and dealers will find in their stock all the leading novelties.

FROM FOREIGN MARKETS.

THE London wool market has been of a spirited character during May, competition between the home, French, and German buyers having been keen. Prices for the month have ruled higher with a tendency to great firmness. The yarn mills are mostly overworked.

Worsted coatings and serges are meeting with an improved demand from the United States and Canada.

Lace trade is brisk. Irish Guipure, Valenciennes, and Brussels laces have been in much favor, whilst anything novel has sold freely. Silk goods have had an improved demand, tulles, veilings, and goffered laces having sold well.

The demand for cottons is poor and prices are easy.

The Irish linen trade is holding its own; but the quantity of flax grown in that country has diminished during the past two years. The Ulster farmer is too old fashioned and thriftless, in spite of all efforts to educate him.

The Irish Textile journal speaking of the coming winter's woollen trade says: "The mode of doing business which has been generally adopted this year, viz., making a liberal selection of qualities and designs, and placing for these only moderate opening orders, would, in the opinion of many, be the very best that the trade could follow in all and every season, unless something very exceptional in the condition of the wool market presented a good and sufficient reason for departing from it. Some of the manufacturers, however, do not, for obvious reasons, at all like the system recommended. The leading makers approve of it thoroughly; indeed, to disapprove of it would argue want of confidence in their own productions, and in the value they were offering."

The run upon imitation hair-cloth for linings continues, and many Glasgow firms have a large number of looms working on these goods.

The print works of the Thornliebank Company (late Walter Crum and Co.), like most of the high-class establishments, are very busy just now, owing to the number of orders received. The Thornliebank Company is preparing to erect a large calico-printing machine, capable of printing both sides at once, and in 16 colors—8 on each side. The machine comes from Manchester.—Textile Mercury.

During the first four months of this year the English exports of prints show an increase of 19,400,000 yards over 1892 and 28,000,000 over 1891, for corresponding periods.

French linen manufacturers, pressed by the constant rise in prices of yarns, are demanding increases also. Both linen and jute yarns are dear, and flax of Russian and native growth is firm. Tows have been bought extensively at higher prices. The French flax crop suffered severely from the drought, and it is feared that the yield will be a poor one.